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A HASTY JOB.

Probably there has never in the history of the Hawaiian Legislature been such inconsiderate and precipitate legislation enacted as that of the ratification of the cable contract with Col. Spalding. An act had just been passed authorizing the Government to make a contract with any other government or any corporation in the world for the work; but before any other Government or any corporation is made acquainted with the opportunity, or with the favorable terms this Government could offer, an individual is delegated with all the powers of the Government in the premises. With nothing but a speculative standing, this individual is given, in the hollow of his hand, the entire prospects of even the initiative of a cable scheme for the space of eighteen months. A member of the Chamber of Commerce approved of rushing this work through, because, as he thought, it would prevent a delay of another year in getting a cable scheme on foot. It is quite probable that the giving of this contract will cause a delay of half as long again as that apprehended. All of the power of proffering aid or of rejecting propositions however favorable, given to the Government by its own cable bill of this session, are deliberately surrendered to a shrewd speculator under a forfeit that need not be exacted if he draw out of the compact before the time granted him in which to sell the franchise. His \$25,000 in Government bonds are not to become liquidated damages to the Government unless he make a bargain with some corporation within eighteen months, and that corporation begin the work and then leave it unfinished. When that stage had been reached the speculator would have pocketed enough out of his sale of the franchise to make him indifferent to the loss of the bonds in question.

Although it is useless now to dilate upon the wretched terms made for the country in the contract, now that the mischief has been done beyond repair, yet it is proper in the name of the public, that has not been consulted in the matter, to record the strongest protest against the transaction. The rates are entirely too high, so high that the operators will be idle most of the time. Half of the maximum rates mentioned in the contract would probably result in three or four times the amount of business without any more operators. It is prescribed that the cable must have a capacity of fifteen words a minute. Mr. Thurston has given an estimate that it would take sixty messages a day to yield a revenue of \$100,000 a year. That number of messages would pay that amount at the average of only five words a message. As the address counts in cablegrams that average is probably too low. Suppose the average was ten words, and allowing a loss of ten minutes an hour from actual transmission, the whole sixty messages would make one hour's work with 150 words to spare. As the cable must be attended every hour of the twenty-four, the operators would find time

hanging heavy on their hands. We believe that it would pay the cable company itself much better to make the rates one-fourth of those in the contract. The results all over obtrusiveness of cheap postage make an argument for this view. With cheap rates social telegrams and press dispatches would cut no small figure in the aggregate of cable traffic.

The granting of an exclusive franchise for the long term of twenty years, when the development of vast countries washed by the Pacific is only just dawning, will probably before the term has half expired be recalled as a blunder of criminal magnitude. It is hypothecating the rights of the people, for two decades to come, to make the best arrangements they can for improving the commercial and social advantages of the country. Indeed, we do not believe that the outrageous compact will be allowed to live out its period, but will be successfully attacked on equitable grounds from either within or without.

DR. J. MOTT SMITH'S WILL.

SEVERAL LEGACIES TO RELATIVES
IN NEW ENGLAND.Widow Receives Sole Residue For
Life—Then an Equal Division
Among the Children.

A petition has been filed for probate of the late Dr. John Mott-Smith's will. Executors as named in the will are Ellen Dominis Smith, Harold Meads Smith and Ernest Augustus Smith. The estate consists of real estate in Honolulu valued at \$25,000, being house and lot in Nuuanu Valley at \$10,000 and store and lot in Fort St. at \$15,000, and personal estate comprised in furniture, sugar stock, bonds and notes in Honolulu, valued at \$272,300, and furniture, stocks and notes in Boston, valued at \$42,500, a total of \$314,800; the whole estate being thus valued at \$339,800.

The heirs are the widow, Martha Paty Smith, Myra Harris, wife of Rev. Jas. B. Thomas; Ida Campbell, wife of R. M. Lovett of Chicago; May Henderson of Honolulu, daughters; and Harold Meads Smith of Boston, Ernest Augustus Smith of Honolulu and Martin Churchill Smith of Boston, sons.

The will was executed on February 11, 1895, in presence of Alfred S. Hartwell, J. O. Carter and W. L. Stanley. It exempts the testator's executors and trustees from bonds, also exempts his trustees from liability for any losses that may occur in the management of his business, and in the performance of their duties as executors and trustees.

It is his wish that his body shall be buried with as little ostentation and expense as is consistent with propriety, and that

all his debts shall be paid as soon after his death as may be practicable.

His wife is bequeathed all the household effects of their residences in Boston and in Honolulu. The following legacies are made: to his sister, Amanda Day Manson of New Haven, Conn., \$10,000; to the widow of his deceased brother William Francis Smith of New Haven, \$3000; to his brother Augustus B. Smith of New Haven, \$2000; each of said legacies to be paid only if the legatee survive him.

All the rest and residue of his estate he bequeaths unto his trustees, upon trust, to pay unto his wife for her sole use, for and during her natural life, the net income, rents and profits thereof. Upon the decease of his wife, his trustees are to divide all of the property which shall then be held by them, in equal shares among his children who shall then be living, and the lawful issue of any deceased child taking by representation the share which the parent if living would have taken.

The trustees are allowed to change investments at their discretion. Testator's wife is allowed to delegate to his other trustees the power to act for her. In like manner his son, Morton Churchill, may delegate his power until he shall be of the age of twenty-one years.

The Board of Health does not meet today.

The alcohol bill is the only one passed not yet signed.

Act No. 11 of the Special Session of the Legislature is published in another column.

The Land Bill was signed by the President this morning. It becomes a law upon the completion of its official publication in THE BULLETIN.

There will be a special meeting of Mystic Lodge, K. of P., this evening, for the purpose of conferring the ranks of page and esquire. All qualified knights are invited to attend.

The box sheet for the sale of seats at the Mark Twain lecture on the 24th inst. will be ready about the end of the week. Independence hall will seat from 700 to 1000 persons comfortably.

Mechanics' Home, corner Hotel and Nuuanu streets, lodging by day, week or month. Terms: 25 and 50 cents per night; \$1, and \$1.25 per week.

Mystic Lodge K. of P.

At the regular convention of Mystic Lodge No. 2, K. of P. to be held at their Castle Hall this (Wednesday) evening, the ranks of Page and Esquire will be conferred. All Knights qualified are cordially invited to be present.

Per order of the C. C.

F. WALDRON, P. C.

K. of R. & S.

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BY AUTHORITY.

ACT 11.

AN ACT MAKING FURTHER APPROPRIATION FOR THE USE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAWAII FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF 1895.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Republic of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The following sum amounting to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) is hereby appropriated to be paid out of all moneys in the Treasury received from all the current receipts of the general revenue of the Hawaiian Islands for the period ending the thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1896.

LEGISLATURE:

Expenses of Senate and House of Representatives....\$3,000.00

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect from the date of its publication.

Approved this 10th day of August, A. D. 1895.

SANFORD B. DOLE.

President of the Republic of Hawaii.

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